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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Policy Memorandum No. 8 – Use of Communication Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle

1. The use of cell phones, or any other communication device, while operating any type of vehicle on Fort Gordon is prohibited. Drivers will be presumed to be using the cell phone, or other device, if they are holding it in their hands for any purpose, to include placing or answering a call, sending or receiving text messages, checking for voice mail messages, or obtaining GPS or other data. Hands free devices, such as speakers and earphones, are authorized for use with cell phones while operating a vehicle.
2. As an exception to the above prohibition, authorized emergency and law enforcement personnel may use cell phones or other communications devices in the furtherance of their emergency and law enforcement duties. This includes receiving or placing calls in performance of duties from tactical or emergency vehicles or other mission-critical duties, to include law enforcement use of in-car mobile data terminals and other in-car electronic devices. There is no exception when off duty.
3. Federal employees shall not engage in text messaging when driving a Government owned vehicle, when driving a privately owned vehicle while on official Government business, or simultaneously operating a vehicle and electronic communication equipment supplied by the Government.
4. Except for an earpiece (or similar devices) designed for use with hands-free cellular phones, wearing any other headphones, earphones, or ear buds while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.
5. Violators of this order while on post are subject to punitive action under the provisions of the UCMJ, or prosecution in U.S. Magistrate Court, removal from the installation, and revocation of on-post driving privileges. Violations of this order while off post may result in administrative sanctions by the command.
6. Commanders and Directors will ensure their personnel are notified of this policy.


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This memorandum supersedes Commanding General's Policy Memorandum No. 8 – Cellular Phone Use While Operating a Motor Vehicle on the Installation, dated 7 June 2011.